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NEW ENGLAND WOMEN USE IMAGINATION FOR USEFUL INVENTIONS

Intricate mathematical problems are meat for Mrs. Constance Franklin of Belmont. Her husband is a professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Her calculations involve such things as supersonic vibrations. She has patents on devices pertaining to piezo electricity. During the war she performed valuable services for the government in this field.

From Clip to Hat

Could you ever imagine making anything but a bicycle clip out of a bicycle clip? Mrs. Frances Whitney of Weston could. What a frame for a head—sort of halo-like, she thought. And she started a fashion in hats with the bicycle clip as the basic idea. It was an invention that paid off handsomely in more ways than one.

"Let the home furnishings wait. Let's get some tools, some wire and things first," said Mrs. Franziska Hoskin of Jamaica Plain when she got married. It wasn't long before she and her husband had invented several unique designs for fluorescent lighting fixtures and had them on the market. Now they are busy at creating new designs for jewelry. When they get around to room equipment there probably will be some entirely original ideas in design for chairs, tables, stands, rugs and what not.

Typical of scores of New England housewife-inventors is Mrs. Jennie Redden Holden of West Concord. Now that she has reached the age of 62, her children grown up, she hopes to have more time to develop ideas that she has been harboring for a long time. Some things just couldn't wait. One was an electric clothes drier that was a matter of necessity at the time. It is now paying dividends and provides a good living. The sewing machine attachment she invented, the burner, the electric dry-mop cleaner and a few other items are already in production. Some day, if she ever gets tired of inventing new things, she may take up music, a long-cherished ambition.

Left to right: Stuart Steele, Glenn Dickinson, Malcolm Marshall, Stanley Blair, Eugene Johnson, Burritt Larson.

These Scouts found time during all the hub bub of the pre-Christmas rush to decorate and equip, with handmade gifts and games, cigar boxes for patients in the North Adams Hospital. Arthur Ceely of Beaver Street is Chairman of Cub Pack 59 of which these boys form Den 3. It was at Mr. Ceely's instigation that this practice was started last year.

The privilege of distributing the boxes went, this year, to the group having the best handiwork. Aside from Mr. Ceely, two other Sprague men take active parts in the work done by Pack 59. Walt Schroeder of the Battery Lab is Cubmaster and Bob Sheehan of the Marshall Street Lab is one of the Committeemen.

Matt Nazzewski Gets Praise

Matt Nazzewski of Engineering and Research at Marshall Street received warm praise from Fire Chief Gino Comai, Readsboro, Vermont, for his successful efforts to identify the type of gasoline which was leaking and filling houses in that area with dangerous fumes last week. Matt compared samples from each of the six gasoline tanks at three Main Street filling stations with a sample of the motor fuel that was found running through an underground blind ditch. He found that the gasoline from one of the tanks matched that taken from the sewer. His analyses led to the positive identification of the offending tank which was found to have a leak after air pressure was applied to it.

Magazine Article

Quality Control by Production Testing was the subject of a two-page picture spread in a recent issue of ELECTRONIC MARKETS, a non-technical monthly report on Electronic and Allied Developments. The pictures showed our various testing ovens in operation.

Above. **Service Award Dinner, December 14 at the Richmond Hotel. (1) Mr. George Flood presents Twenty-year pin to Dr. Preston Robinson of Research and Engineering. (2) Speakers' Table. (3) Gertrude Deso of Check Inspection receives her Ten-year pin from Mr. Flood.** *Lower:* **The Christmas Party, sponsored by I. C. W. No. 2, at Richmond and Paramount Theatres on December 17.**

Appreciations

For assisting us in helping to locate and remove the serious hazard caused by leaking gasoline, the Readsboro, Vt., fire department wishes to thank the Sprague Electric Company for the use of its equipment and laboratory. Mathew Nazzewski, chemist, John D. Washburn, personnel manager, and Fire Chief John E. Saulnier for arranging for the use of the Massachusetts state police vapotester.

Gino Comai, Chief

I wish to thank Marion Caron, Mr. Fred Scarborough and the Sprague Benefit Committee for their kindness which made our Christmas a merry one.

Elizabeth Johnson

Named Treasurer

Jonathan Brown, Commercial Manager of Sprague Electric Company Battery Division, has been named Treasurer of the Hearing Foundation, a nationwide non-profit organization recently organized to promote the interests of the deaf and hard of hearing.

Mr. Brown, who was a management and marketing consultant in New York City before coming to Sprague's, is a graduate of Haverford College and of Harvard Business School. He is a Lieutenant Commander in the inactive Naval Reserve.

The LOG appreciates the many requests that have come in for the calendar which we put out this year for the LOG Staff. This calendar was gotten out for the purpose of making things easier for the reporters when it comes to getting news in on time. If we made it attractive enough to interest others, we are glad. But the sad thing is that we did not have any extra ones made and, for that reason, are having to say "No" to the good people who want one.

Births

SON, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Armato on Christmas Day. The mother is Josephine of Foil Preparation and the father is employed in Dry Rolling.

DAUGHTER, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jordon on December 4. The mother is Elizabeth of Molded Tubular Solder.

SON, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Theberge on December 3. The mother is Rita of Resistors.

SON, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Janiga on December 14. The mother is Nancy of Dry Rolling.

SON, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mongeau on Christmas Eve. Jane, of F. P. Assembly is the mother.

SON, Reverend and Mrs. Ralph Bellows on December 31. The father is employed in Formation at Marshall Street.

SON, Mr. and Mrs. William Fortini on December 2. The father is employed in the Can Shop at Beaver Street and the mother is Theresa of Dry Rolling.

DAUGHTER, Mr. and Mrs. Edmond L. Sharron on December 9. Anne of Molded Tubular Assembly is the mother.

Weddings

Miss Lillian M. Williams of Dry Rolling became the bride of James Robert Hancock on Christmas Eve in Pownal, Vermont. The couple is at home at 319 Kemp Avenue.

Mrs. Jennie Amelia Goodrow and Victor Ferdinand Modena of Dry Rolling were married on December 10, in Cheshire, Massachusetts. They are at home at 301 West Main Street.

Mrs. Bertha Shepard of Molded Tubular Soldering was married to Victor Lapan on December 5, in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. They are living now at 21 Elm Street.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Thoros have announced the engagement of their daughter, Shirley Elizabeth, to John E. Millis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Millis of 42 Montgomery Street. No date has been set for the wedding. Shirley works in the Beaver Street Office and is a member of the LOG staff.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliva E. Richards have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lorraine Mary Rose, of the Pilot Plant, to Frederick Ciepiela of Adams. No date has been set for the wedding.

Mrs. Rose Boudreau has announced the engagement of her daughter, Annette of the Sales Office, to Carl Boschetti, son of Victor Boschetti of Main Street. No date has been set for the wedding. Annette is a member of the LOG staff.

Mr. and Mrs. Osias Contois have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jeannine, to Robert Boucher of Cady Street. Jeannine is employed in Paper Rolling.

Mr. and Mrs. James Samia have announced the engagement of their daughter, Rita Ann, of Molded Tubular Soldering to Charles Edward Swan of St. Petersburg, Florida. Rita is a LOG reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Wesolowski of Adams have announced the engagement of their daughter, Alice to John Filip of Adams. No date has been set for the wedding. Alice is employed in Dry Rolling.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Morin have announced the engagement of their daughter, Aileen of Final Midget Assembly, to Pasquale Mazza Jr., of Marshall Street Rolling. The wedding date will be announced later.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tanguay have announced the engagement of their daughter, Norma of F. P. Assembly, to Henry Dargie Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dargie of Notch Road. The wedding will take place on February 14.

MARSHALL STREET "Memos"

Automatic Rolling

By Choo-Choo

Cupid was very busy during the holidays. Among the recently engaged is Joe Rosse whose marriage to Miss Anne Johnson of Monroe Bridge will take place the second week in September. No date has been set for the wedding of Pat Mazza whose engagement has been announced, too. Congratulations, fellas!

Norman Chenail, our foreman, was pleased with his Parker 51 pen and pencil set which was a gift from the boys.

Joe Mantello and Danny Donovan each spent a week's vacation at their homes.

We hope Billy Richard's well will soon fill up. Poor Billy has been lugging water to his farm every day for quite some time now.

Larry Roberts is going into hibernation for a couple of weeks. His latest scalping - er - haircut has caused him much embarrassment and has gotten him much kidding. What type of bowl did that barber use, Larry?

Herb Palmer is disappointed that Santa didn't leave him that radio for his car.

Clarence Wildman has quite a woodworking shop in the basement of his home. There he spends much of his spare time making toys and furniture.

The LOG calendar was a pleasant surprise. The deadline-issue dates will help a lot in getting the news in on time.

Even though we are a little late, we take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

How many resolutions have you broken, so far?

Christmas Party

The employees and their children and the members of ICW No. 2 at Sprague Electric Company express their appreciation to the management of the Paramount and Richmond Theatres for donating the facilities for the annual Christmas Party on December 17. The heating, lighting and entire film program were donated by Western Massachusetts Theatres, Inc. Local No. 83 of IATSE furnished two operators at each theatre. Other personnel including cleaners, ushers and managers of both theatres contributed their services.

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The mayor, proud of having been awarded an honorary degree by his former college, was addressing a class of boys and girls in one of the city's grammar schools. He asked them whether anyone knew the meaning of M.D., D.D. and L.L.D. There was a dead silence until a little girl excitedly shrilled: "I know, mister! Mairsy Doats, Dosey Doats, and Little Lambsy Divey!"

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Girls in Molded Tubulars at Petey Dink's.

Dry Rolling Department at Petey Dink's

Miscellaneous Paper Assembly at Petey Dink's.

Adam Novak of Dry Rolling receives gift from Marge Wittig.

Sales Office Party at the Springs.

BUSY BEAVER NEWS

Can Shop

By Cliff

We begin by congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fortini on the arrival of their baby girl.

Someday, we should have a debating class. With Frank Morandi and Harry Trombley as captains and Ray Chalifoux as kabitzer, there would be some heated arguments.

Our bowling team is doing fine, especially when it comes to winning the steak dinners. Ted, our boss, enjoyed the last one and says teeth were not needed. Ask him.

We were all thinking the other day about buying Leslie Dustin a home out 'where the buffalo roam. Harry Trombley said he would make the biggest donation.

Harry Paesler always goes back for a second cup of that coffee he says is lousy.

We saw Bill Hussey the other day and he still offers Howard Isherwood $24.95 for his Ford. A right good offer, Howie.

Misc. Paper Finish

By Velma Lincoln

We all had fun during the vacation weekends with parties galore. The party at the Clarksburg Sportsmen's Club brought out practically everyone and afforded a wonderful evening. Now we must get back to the old routine, but this year will bring the same weekends, Saturday, Sunday and Monday!

Bertha Jennings and her husband, Larry, chaperoned a St. Joseph Christmas dance. Their daughter, Shirley, is a member there.

We send our sympathy to Mary Zito whose brother passed away in West Haven, Connecticut.

Gertrude Deso wears the most delicate perfume. Where did you say you get it, my pretty maid?

F. P. Drys

By Rita Cote

We are happy to welcome the newcomers to the room and we do hope you like working with us.

Johnny Miller received a cake and gifts on his thirty-second anniversary from his co-workers on the night shift. We hope you have many more, Johnny.

The testers had a Christmas party. They exchanged gifts, had many laughs and loads of fun.

Marie Sherry gave us a wonderful party at her home. We all had a good time. What's this we hear about you going upstairs on your hands and knees, Doretta?

Our sympathy to you, Julia Abraham, on the death of your father.

Misc. Paper Assembly

By Ruth Haskins

Our very successful Christmas Party was held on December 13 at Petey Dink's where a chicken dinner was enjoyed. During the evening group singing was popular with Pauline McCuen, our very able pianist, at the piano. Annis O'Neil surprised everyone by dancing the Polka with Cassie Gliwski. A grab bag proved to be lots of fun and produced many toys for the "youngsters". We didn't realize what a good photographer we had in our midst until Jessie Meczywor took several shots of the gang, one of which appears in this issue of the LOG. Millie Bathaway provided appropriate favors and later was given an official expression of gratitude by Lucy Saneki by way of a formal address. The hit tune of the evening was "I Have a Lovely Bunch of Cocoanuts". For days afterward, everyone was singing it and talking about what a good time we all had at the party. Later in the week, appropriate gifts were presented to our foreman, Lloyd Bullett, and to our supervisors, Jeff Barry and Cassie Gliwski.

Speaking of Christmas, Millie Bathaway received one of the handsomest diamond rings we have ever seen — a present from her husband. Lucky girl!

Lucy Sanecki has been very busy lately getting settled in her new apartment.

Millie Brouillett is back with us after her leave of absence.

Bertha Roy and Ruth Haskins attended the banquet in honor of twenty, fifteen and ten-year employees and received their ten-year pins.

Paper Ignition Assembly

By Doris Charon

Ever since our Christmas party, Doris Williams has been calling Alphonse LaFountain "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer", a name which suited him well at the party. Doris reminds him in song several times a day.

Flora Haumuller, in case you decide to roam again as you did on December 23, your home telephone is 1358-R.

At breakfast on Wednesday mornings, Milton Berle holds the spotlight. Esther Driscoll, Melva Heelan and Doris Williams own television sets and keep us informed on Tuesday night's performance. Lucky girls!

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Patron: "May I have some stationery?"

Hotel Clerk (haughtily): "Are you a guest of the hotel?"

Patron: "Heck, no; I'm paying twenty dollars a day."

Sales Office

By Jonanin

The female members of the Sales Office started the holidays rolling with a Christmas party held at the Springs in New Ashford, on December 14, 1949. Favors, decorations and games were planned by yours truly. The center of attraction was a multi-colored gum drop tree standing 13 inches high which is in the above picture.

Various prizes were given for the most colorful, won by Mrs. Mary Mathews, most humorous, won by Kay Pellows, funniest face, won by Celeste Duffy. Mrs. Helen Foley won the gum drop tree by guessing the nearest number of gum drops on the tree.

We wish to congratulate Miss Annette Boudreau on her recent engagement to Carl Boschetti who is employed at the McClelland Printing Company in Williamstown. No date has been set for the wedding but we know that Nina won't keep us waiting long.

It's done in Hollywood night clubs but the Springs well that's different. Just ask Kay Pellows about the anonymous treat accompanied by an anonymous note and all from an anonymous gentlemen. It all happened at the Xmas party.

The Sales Office is represented athletically by Joan La Pierre who plays basketball with the Sprague "Lassies".

Starting the New Year right:
Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald—A new chevrolet
Helen Foley—A new hairstyle
Celeste Duffy—
a newly furnished apartment

Dry Rolling

By Ruth Kelley

Judging from all the shining eyes and smiling faces around, everyone must have had fun over the holidays. Now we are all set to settle down and start the New Year off right with some honest to goodness hard work. We hope.

First of all, we want to wish Ursula Marceau's son, Colby, a speedy recovery from that broken leg he acquired while skiing.

Phil Sprague had ten fingers when he came to work last week but he tried to make a condenser out of one of them and is now waiting for it to get back to normal. We are sorry, Phil, and hope you won't have to wait long.

Marion Caron is back with us after a ten-day vacation at home.

Flo Danforth is looking blue these days because her only son left to join the Navy. Cheer up, Flo, he will soon be back with many interesting tales to tell you.

Kay Clifton received a list of things a mile long from her husband for Christmas. How do you do it, Kay?

Keep smiling until next time. Remember, there's always yourself if you can't find anything else to smile about!

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Advice to the thin: Don't eat fast!
Advice to the fat: Don't eat! Fast!

BROWN STREET "BRIEFS"

Industrial Oil

By Ann Heath

The Christmas Party at the White Oaks Club was well attended by members of Industrial Oils and their friends. Supper and dancing made a good evening for all. It was good to see Millie Conroy with our group again.

Nellie Hall wishes to thank the Department for the sunshine basket. She enjoyed it and is now feeling much better. We wish you a Happy New Year, Nellie.

There seems to be a new romance in the air. Maybe it's the unusual weather we've been having. You are not fooling anyone, Vern Durocher. Why make her eat onions so no one else could kiss her for a Happy New Year?

Al Folino has a new hobby of taking home movies. We would like to see them, Al. How about it?

Congratulations, Ernie Risch. We hope you will be very happy in your new home.

Wire Coating

By Betty Jangrow

We have elected the following personalities for 1950 which we hope will be happy and prosperous for all:

Corena Tatro, Miss Dutch Cleanser; Helen Burdick, Bubble Gum Queen; Earle Washburn, Friend and Philosopher; Eva Faour, Miss Anthony (she shares all our cares and woes); Peg Durnin, Our Stylist.

A happy birthday to Lucille Miller who celebrated January 4.

Wire Coating is recuperating from all their individual parties and especially from the Christmas Party which was attended by the two shifts and the Wire Coating Lab personnel. Earle Washburn was our master of ceremonies. It seemed nice for all the girls to be dressed in their finery instead of the everyday slacks.

Nick Delnegro was flashing a beautiful diamond at Christmas time. Who is the lucky girl, Nick?

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Foote celebrated their eighth wedding anniversary on New Year's Eve. Congratulations from all of us!

PAA Cementers

By Ceil Shanahan

We all had fun at our Christmas Party which was held at the lunch hour just before we started our holiday weekend. Olivia Pelletier did a good job of being Santa Claus. The table decorations carried out the Christmas motif with red candles furnishing the color. Gifts were presented to the supervisors, Jimmy Zabek and Jim Boner. The grab bag furnished much amusement and provided presents for all. Ceil Shanahan was in charge of planning the party with Agnes Bolus and Alvina Moreau assisting her.

Molded Tubular Soldering

By M. Bua and R. Samia

Dear Santa: Here's a short list for next Christmas from the girls in this department:

For Esther S. and Beatrice B., a television set so that they may join the conversation about Milton Berle; Jane Dobbert, lots of water in her well. She hates to see it rain but worries when the sun shines too long; Mae Lesage, a new apartment and new socks so she won't have to wear her husband's; Beatrice Day, a spinet piano with lessons included: Rae Trimarchi, just anything. Rae says she is not particular; Ethel M. and Frances D., new cars — who doesn't want one? Jean Wheeler, a large bouquet of mistletoe; Irene Drobiak, the best knitter we know, a few sets of knitting needles; Millie Bourell, a new fur coat; Mary B. a new telephone; Rita Samia, a visit from a certain Charlie; and all the rest who are still undecided, Juliette, Sadie, Lucia, Mary, Olive, Doris, Lil, Gert, Katherine and Margaret, the same fine spirit and sense of humor they've had all year.

Happy New Year to all of you from all of us!

Resistors--Navy Line

By Blanche Tatro

We held our Christmas Party the Thursday before Christmas with a spaghetti dinner and grab bag at noon. The table decorations were arranged by Jennie King and Marguerite Todd. Others on the party committee were Bertha Vaughan, Julia Sullivan and Blanche Tatro. Art Bissaillon, our supervisor, received a gift and group singing was enjoyed by all. Helen Jobin and Joan Blanchette won prizes in the games which were played.

All the girls are going to start knitting for next Christmas. Anyone having yarn wound, get in touch with Jennie King and Marguerite Todd who are experts.

Final Solderers--Day

By The Busy Bees

We are glad to have Helen Hafner back after her sick leave.

The girls all enjoyed their Christmas Party at the Sportsmen's Club on December 14.

Mary Therrien, Peggy Smith, Marie Lemoine and John Ghidotti all report a good time while on their week's vacation at home.

Marion Andrews had her twelfth wedding anniversary on January 1. Congratulations and good wishes, Marion.

The Final Solderers all enjoyed their New Year's Party which was in the form of a buffet lunch.

Look out, girls. Our supervisor can see better and farther with his new glasses.

David Mariani, nephew of Catherine of Mica and Jane of P.A.A. Leslie Ann James, daughter of Kathleen of Dry Tubular Finish and Frank of Molding. Betty Richards of P.A.A. Soldering. Nancy Embry, center, with a group of Ray Hart's dancing pupils. Nancy is the daughter of Sophie Embry of Paper Ignition Assembly and Harry of Centrifuge. Bobby Rivard, son of Flora Rivard of Small Order Department. Linda Chilson, daughter of Howard of Maintenance and niece of Percy Bordwin of Centrifuge. Diane Dean, daughter of James Dean of Paper Ignition Assembly and Inez of Miscellaneous Paper Assembly.

SPORTS . . .

Kenny Russell

SPRAGUE LASSIES WIN

The Sprague Lassies opened what promises to be a successful hoop campaign by beating the Amherst Belles 32-23, in the first game of the twin bill. The local team was out in front practically the entire distance although the early stages of the meeting were closely fought. The Sprague hoopsters took an 18-10 lead at the half and increased its margin during the closing periods.

Miss Wisnowski was high scorer for the winners, her basket shooting featuring the contest. She scored 14 points. Miss Meranti and Miss D'Arcangelo also helped in the tallying. The Amherst team excelled in four shooting, making nine points from the 15-foot mark. Miss Moakley caged 11 points for the losers. The summary:

Sprague Lassies

	B.	F.	P.
D. D'Arcangelo, rf	3	1	7
P. Gilmore, rf	0	1	1
V. Wisnowski, lf	6	2	14
F. Melito, lf	0	0	0
L. Meranti, cf	4	0	8
J. LaPierre, cf	1	0	2
L. Greene, cg	0	0	0
S. Perenick, cg	0	0	0
F. Damon, lg	0	0	0
M. Wittig, lg	0	0	0
J. Roy, rg	0	0	0
Total	14	4	32

Amherst Belles

	B.	F.	P.
P. Hummel, rf	2	1	5
T. Bridges, lf	0	1	1
C. Dickenson, cg	0	0	0
L. Moakley, cf	4	3	11
I. Newkick, cg	0	3	3
E. Dickenson, rg	1	0	3
R. Fitts, lg	0	1	1
Total	7	9	23

Referee, C. St. Pierre.

Pittsfield Team Loses to Sprague Lassies

The Sprague Lassies won their second basketball victory in as many days at the "Y" yesterday when they defeated the Lakewood Civic association of Pittsfield, 32-16, following their win over the Amherst Belles on Sunday.

The local girls were not hard pressed to win, taking an early lead and showing the way at half time, 20-7. Miss Wisnowski featured for the victors with 10 points while Miss Meranti contributed eight. Miss Ditmar scored six baskets for the Pittsfield team. The summary:

Sprague Lassies

	B.	F.	P.
D'Arcangelo, lf	3	0	6
Gilmore, lf	2	0	4
Wisnowski, rf	4	2	10
Meranti, c	4	0	8
LaPierre, c	1	0	2
Greene, lg	0	0	0
Perenick, lg	0	0	0
Damon, rg	0	0	0
Wittig, rg	1	0	2
Roy, rg	0	0	0
Totals	15	2	32

Lakewood Civic Association

	B.	F.	P.
Tilpi, rg	0	0	0
Nicola, rg	0	0	0
DiPietro, lg	0	0	0
Traversa, lg	0	0	0
Aptacy, c	0	0	0
Ditmar, c	6	0	12
Lundberg, c	0	0	0
Eagan, rf	0	0	0
Thebodo, rf	1	1	3
Keefe, lf	0	1	1
Totals	7	2	16

Referee, George St. Pierre.

FLASH! The Sprague Lassies Cop their third straight by humbling the Haydenville Raiderettes 46-13.

Williams College Sports:

Because of the Holidays at Christmas and New Years — all Williams College Sports have been idle. However—the way is now clear and all of the College teams will be facing various opponents as the schedule is really begun in earnest.

Director John Jay has announced that due to the inclement weather all Williams College Home Hockey games will be played on a surface provided in Troy, N. Y.

North Adams Teachers College:

The local "Profs" are rolling merrily along and from this point have a wonderful opportunity to cop the New England Title for Teachers Colleges. By disposing of the Plymouth Teachers the North Adams aggregate have hurdled one of the more difficult obstacles. Yes sir, Coach Jim Dorans' boys have the goods and will give Williams College quite a battle when they meet at a later date in the College Town.

SEMI-PRO:

A few semi-pro clubs are active this year and one with an enviable record is the St. Anthony Crusaders. This club dropped its opener—an out-of-town contest with Lenox and since that time has won 5 in a row.

Belouin's Boys Club is another local five active on the courts. If they can play the hoop game as well as they perform on the diamond then the opposition must beware.

Company K is another team holding forth in this area. The Guardsmen are winning their share also.

In Adams the St. Stanislaus aggregation is once more playing Sunday afternoon games at the Junior Plunkett High School Gym. However, due to the inactivity of former stars like Sanecki, Nowak and McAndrews the Saints have not been able to compile the enviable record of a year ago.

Williamstown has organized for the coming year and this team will be composed of former High School Stars. Their manager is Frank Santelli who is employed in the KVA at the Brown Street Plant.

Sprague Men's Bowling League Highlights

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost
Molders	11	4
Sprague Products	9	6
Inspectors	9	6
Dry Rolling	9	6
Can Shop	7	8
KVA	6	9
D.T.Q.	5	10
F. P. Drys	4	11

MOST STRIKES

R. Bentley	6
M. Heath and W. Richards	7
F. Livesey	4
J. Morin	10
H. Trombley	6
F. Santelli	11
J. Lipa	9
S. Ziaja	10
High Average—R. Saunders	100
High Ind. Triple—R. Sherman	363
High Ind. Single—R. Sherman	139
Low Ind. Triple—J. Shields	217
Low Ind. Single—L. Daignault	59
High Team Single—Inspectors	527
High Team Triple—D.T.Q.	1470
Most Strikes—F. Santelli	11

Sprague Electric Girls' Bowling League (January 3)

Team Standings:	Won	Lost
Beaverettes	35	10
Paper Ignition	27	18
Alley Cats	26	19
Industrial Oils	25	20
W. E. Rollers	23	22
Independents	19	26
Dry Rolling	17	28
D.T.Q.	9	36

Individual Standings:

High Ind. Single—M. Wohler	120
High Ind. Triple—C. Risch	325
High Team Single—Beaverettes	485
High Team Triple—P. Ignition	1373
Low Individual Single—I. Lowe	37
Low Individual Triple—I. Lowe	163
Strikes—Hazel Martel	10

High Ind. Average on Each Team:

Name and Team	Ave.	Stgs.
H. Martel—P. Ignition	93.1	45
C. Shakar—Beaverettes	90.3	42
M. Wohler—Independents	89.8	44
E. Stack—D.T.Q.	88.8	30
I. Witherow—Ind. Oils	87.6	30
D. DePaoli—Alley Cats	86	42
J. Roy—Dry Rolling	85.4	45
C. Gebauer } W.E. Rolling	83.9	39
S. Perenick }	83.9	36

BERKSHIRE HIGH SCHOOLS:

Basketball:

Let's scan over the teams that represent the league —

ADAMS HIGH:

Adams High, our pick to cop the Basketball crown, has already chalked up two league victories. They have defeated both St. Joseph of North Adams and St. Joseph of Pittsfield at the Junior Plunkett Gymnasium in Adams. In both contests the Mother Town lads had an easy time. Coupled with the five victories taken on an independent schedule Adams has won seven straight so far this season.

DRURY HIGH:

Drury High has won its only league game to date and that was at the expense of Williamstown at the College Town. Their next contest will definitely show what the "Blue Devils" have got when they stage a home game with Adams as the opponent. In pre-league games Drury was hot and cold. They lost to Troy, Lenox, and a home and home series with Cathedral High of Springfield. However, they evened the score with Lenox and took a series from Greenfield.

PITTSFIELD HIGH:

Pittsfield High — defending champions have once more come up with a good club and this fact was shown when they trampled Williamstown and rang up 70 points in doing so. However they dropped a pre-league game with Lee — a team that Adams dumped twice.

WILLIAMSTOWN HIGH:

The College towners have started the league season very poorly by dropping both home games with Pittsfield and Drury. However their potential strength is going to break loose one of these evenings and some unlucky opponent is going to feel the full fury of the attack. We look for Williamstown to improve as the season progresses.

NORTH ADAMS ST. JOSEPH:

Local St. Joseph has also dropped both of its league encounters. With little luck from the floor—the local parochial five has done very well from the foul line. This was borne out in the Adams game when with only two floor baskets the locals hit 16 times from the free throw line.

DALTON:

Dalton High so far this season has won about 60% of its games and to date are tied with Adams at the top of the league standings each having two victories. Dalton has a few veterans this year to help the team and should give all teams a merry scrap,—especially at home.

PITTSFIELD ST. JOSEPH:

Alas! Pittsfield St. Joseph has yet to register a victory—the spirit is willing but the body isn't. These youngsters from the Shire City always battle to the end; but seem to be hopelessly outclassed this year.

By the time the next issue is out—the Northern Berkshire High School race should be straightening out and some idea of this 1950 race for the flag, shown by the scores.

SHINING BLADES

Local skaters have not had much of a chance to try out their skates this season. The only local skating was at Millard's Pond where several local skaters spent a weekend on the ice not long ago.

Two skating meets in which local skaters were entered were cancelled because of mild weather. One was at Worcester and the other at Glens Falls, New York.

On January 29, the annual Silver Skates Derby will take place at Boston Garden. Many local skaters have tried for honors in past years but Bernie Auge is the only one who has won first place in the Derby. Last year, Dick Simard was runner up in the midget class. Bobby Dunn II finished third last year and the year before. This year, they are in the juvenile class and hope to compete in the Silver Skates Derby again.

Charles Felix

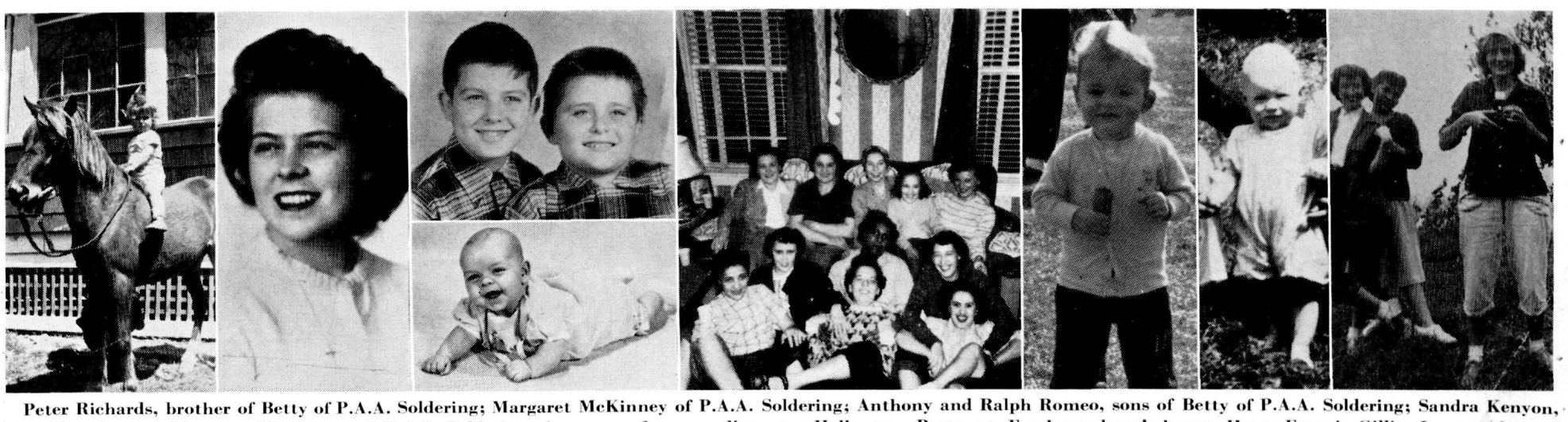
WEATHER:

Old Mother Nature has been playing tricks on this area so far this winter. Just when ski operators were figuring on a successful season with plenty of snow all ready on the ground — Dame Fortune frowned and beautiful Indian Summer weather came unexpectedly in. This mild weather had all of us in a dither. Imagine — people out raking lawns — flowers blooming and of all things grass fires. Whoever said, "New England has all kinds of weather and is unpredictable" was right.

With little or no skiing, skating also was nil and the fool hardy person who ventured out to do any ice-fishing was taking his life lightly.

We wrote this little topic about the weather because outside of indoor winter sports, the out-door enthusiast has had little to cheer about.

FLASH: As we write this column snow has begun to fall and who knows when the next issue is out Old Man Winter will again probably reign supreme.



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